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General Counsel
Federal Elections Committee
999 E Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am requesting an investigation into the possible FEC violation on the part of the Mary Bono for Congress campaign in the special election held on April 7, 1998 for the 44th Congressional seat.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter, which is the basis of my complaint. Please note that Seymour Kaplan asks the recipient of the letter (which was a district-wide mailing) to vote for Mary Bono (my opponent). Please also note that there is no attribution on the letter regarding who paid for it.

The Bono campaign manager admitted in our local newspaper (The Desert Sun) on April 7, 1998, "If there is no tag on the letter it is my mistake. If there is an infraction, I'll be happy to answer to the F.E.C. We reported it to the F.E.C. Seymour Kaplan gave us his permission to use the letter, which is one of about 10 we've sent out. It is a letter just like the one we sent out written by Gerald Ford and Roy Wilson."

The campaign manager's name is Brian Nestande. Mr. Nestande was Chief of Staff for Sonny Bono before his accidental death, and will be Chief of Staff for Mary Bono in Washington.

Please also look at a flier that was placed on voters' doors a few days before the election. Mr. Art McNamara, the President of the Riverside Sheriff's Association said they did not give permission to use the association's name in such a manner. Also, there is no attribution.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Ralph Waite in dark ink. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first part of the signature is "Ralph" and the second part is "Waite".

Ralph Waite

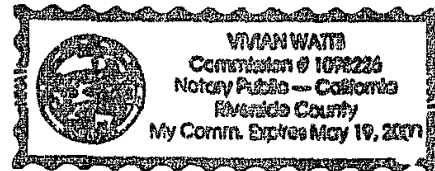
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME ON THIS 4TH DAY OF MAY, 1998

Vivian Watts

My commission expires: May 19, 2000



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Pat Cooper